

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-13, 16-20, 22-28 and 30 are now pending in this application. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-9, 11, 15, 21 and 29 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The claims have been rewritten to be in allowable form as noted by the Examiner, thus rendering all outstanding objections and rejections moot. Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claims 5 and 6. Allowable claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitation of its base claims. Independent claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 15. Claim 18 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 21 and claim 26 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 29.

All pending claims are therefore now in allowable form. Consequently, the withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections is respectfully requested. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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